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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

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**CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES
DEPARTMENT
(CS.I)**

DESIGNATING JOINT COLLECTOR OF EACH DISTRICT AS "DISTRICT GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL OFFICER" FOR PROPER MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENTITLEMENTS TO THE BENEFICIARIES UNDER NFSA, 2013.

[G.O.Ms.No.3, Consumer Affairs Food and Civil Supplies (CS.I), 23rd January, 2023.]

Read the following :

1. G.O.Ms.No.8, CA, F&CS (CS-I) Dept, dt:18.04.2017.
2. G.O.Ms.No.166. Revenue (Ser.I) Department, dt:16.05.2017.
3. G.O.Ms.No.39, General Administration (SC-A), Department, dt:06.05.2020.
4. From Member Secretary, APSFC, Vijayawada, letter Ref.No.SFC/201/2020, dtd:24.06.2020.
5. G.O.Ms.No.7 CA, F&CS (CS-I) Dept, dtd:10.07.2020.
6. From Member Secretary, APSFC, Vijayawada, letter Ref.No .SFC/122/2022, dtd.04.01.2023.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh enacted the NFSA Act, 2013 to provide for food and Nutritional Security in human life cycle approach by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity and for matters connected there with or incidental there to.

2. Further, under Section 15(1) of National Food Security Act 2013, the State Government shall appoint or designate, for each District, an officer to be the District Grievance Redressal Officer for expeditious and effective redressal of grievance of the aggrieved persons in the matters relating to distribution of essential food grains or meals under Chapter-II and to enforce the entitlements under the Act. As per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, State Government has to designate the officer who are not concerned with the entitlements under the NFS Act as DGRO.

3. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have designated the post of Joint Collector-II in the District as District Grievance Redressal Officer in addition to the functions assigned to Joint Collector-II. Later, Government in the reference 5th read above has re-designated the post of Joint Collector-II as Joint Collector, Aasara and Welfare (JC-A&W)

4. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has bifurcated the existing (13) Districts in to (26) New Districts with effect from 04.04.2022 and the post of Joint Collector, (Aasara and Welfare) has been abolished and at Present the post of the Collector and Joint Collector (one) are only sanctioned to each District.

5. In the above circumstances, the Member Secretary, A.P. State Food Commission, Vijayawada in the reference 6th read above, has requested to designate the post of Joint Collector of each District as "District Grievance Redressal Officer" for proper monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the entitlements to the beneficiaries under NFSA,2013.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby designate the post of Joint Collector of each District as "District Grievance Redressal Officer" for proper monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the entitlements to the beneficiaries under NFSA, 2013.

7. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

H. ARUN KUMAR,
Ex-Officio Secretary to Government.

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